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PRELIMINARY

AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 3-7, 9 and 12 have been rewritten to depend on claim 1 to avoid multiple dependent claims.

3. Device according to claim 1, characterized in that the bore (4) of the thermopin is provided between the tapered end and the groove (5) of the thermopin.

4. Device according to claim 1, characterized in that a comb strip (14) is attached to the die lip (10), and the thermopins (1) are inserted between the individual teeth of the comb strip (14) on fixing to the die lip (10).